

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): ~~Improvements to couplings~~ A coupling for a tooth the teeth of earth-moving machines, ~~comprising of the type which comprise~~ projecting lugs on the tooth ~~that can be coupled in~~ configured to couple with matching seatings of a the tooth holder and a transverse seating for a pin, ~~characterized in that~~ the lugs of the tooth longitudinally have stepped guides on their upper and lower edges of the lugs and which continue in an the area of attack in widened abutment regions to obtain greater reinforcement, combined being combined with matching profiles of said stepped guides and widened regions in a the body of the tooth holder and with an internal projecting abutment arranged in at least one of said lugs, ~~capable of being~~ configured to be guided in an the internal part of a corresponding straight guide of the tooth holder, said abutment, after the mounting of the tooth in the tooth holder, being arranged ~~such as~~ to retain the pin, ~~which is~~ the pin disposed in a pin seating provided in a generally vertical arrangement in the body of the tooth holder.

2. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the widened abutment regions have a curved shape.

3. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the widened abutment regions are in ~~a~~ the shape of an inclined plane.

4. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the widened regions are in ~~a~~ the shape of a straight step.

5.-6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the lugs of the tooth ~~teeth~~ have transversely a flat or curved shape.

8. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the straight guide ~~or guides of the nose~~ of the tooth holder is formed on a nose of the tooth holder; for the internal abutment ~~or abutments~~ of the lugs of the tooth, and extend for a length shorter than ~~a~~ the total length of said nose of the tooth holder, in order to obtain greater mechanical strength.

9. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the straight guide ~~or guides of the nose~~ of the tooth holder is

formed on a nose of the tooth holder for the internal abutment or abutments of the lugs of the tooth and extend ~~through~~ as far as a the rear end of said nose with its open end.

10. (currently amended): ~~Improvements~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterized by the~~ comprising an arrangement of an inlet chamfer in an ~~the~~ opening for introduction of the pin, in order to improve the mounting and disassembly of the pin ~~latter~~.

11. (canceled).